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Adding an aquatic center with parking spaces to Mariner's park is a TERRIBLE idea. This park is the only athletic-oriented park in NW Newport and serves a large community with many children. It serves many organized athletic teams but perhaps more importantly, it is one of the rare areas where kids can kids, safely, away from the streets. This park was already shrunk to accommodate the library a few years ago. All of the proposed configurations shrink the play area further and add cars to the mix. In a time where we are trying to get kids off their devices and into physical activity, further shrinking the useable area of the park is unconscionable.

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